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1. MRS. MARIE RICE TELEPHONES THE EMBASSY AT LEAST WEEKLY, OFTEN DAILY. HER SON CALLED LAST ON JULY 24. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SHE REFUSES TO COMPLETE PASSPORT APPLICATION BUT INSISTS SHE HAS RIGHT TO PASSPORT. SHE SAYS SHE WISHES TO RENOUNCE U.S. CITIZENSHIP BUT REFUSES TO VISIT EMBASSY FOR THAT OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. SHE HAS TALKED EXTENSIVELY WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, AND THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN HER IMMIGRATION. ASIDE FROM HER EVIDENT INSTABILITY, SHE IS NEARLY DESTITUTE, HAS NO MEANS TO GET TO AUSTRALIA, AND NO SKILLS TO OFFER AS IMMIGRANT.

2. MRS. RICE OFTEN THREATENS TO DO VIOLENCE TO HERSELF, AND HAS TRIED IN THE PAST TO ASSAULT EMBASSY EMPLOYEES. SHE WAS ARRESTED FOR ONE SUCH INCIDENT AND SUBJECTED TO PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION, BUT IS NOT CERTIFIABLY INSANE UNDER CANADIAN LAW. CONSULAR OFFICERS SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TRYING TO HELP MRS. RICE WITHIN THE LIMITS SHE HERSELF IMPOSES, DESPITE HER FREQUENTLY ABUSIVE AND OBSCENE TIRADES.

3. ALTHOUGH RECENTLY MRS. RICE HAS SAID SHE WISHES TO
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RENOUNCE U.S. CITIZENSHIP, SHE APPARENTLY ALSO STILL WANTS A U.S. PASSPORT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HER FILE, WHICH WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN 1976 IN RESPONSE TO HER FOI REQUEST, WOULD SUPPORT APPROVAL OF HER RENUNCIATION IF SHE WENT THROUGH WITH IT. WE DO NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE FOR AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO VISIT HER AT HOME EITHER TO WITNESS A RENUNCIATION OR TO PERSUADE HER TO

COMPLETE A PASSPORT APPLICATION.

4. WE HAVE URGED MRS. RICE'S "CHILDREN," BOTH IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES, TO TRY TO GET HER MEDICAL HELP. SHE REPORT-EDLY HAS A SEVERE PERIODONTAL PROBLEM AS WELL AS HER MENTAL DIFFICULTIES. APPARENTLY THEY WOULD RATHER CONTINUE HAND-TO-MOUTH EXISTENCE IN CANADA AS STUDENTS SO LONG AS USG SURVIVOR BENEFITS HOLD OUT, THAN TRY TO RETURN HER TO U.S. WHERE SHE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR HELP SHE NEEDS. MRS. RICE REPORTEDLY HAS ANOTHER SON SOMEWHERE IN U.S. WHO IS FINANCIALLY WELL OFF, BUT FAMILY REJECT SUGGESTIONS THAT HE BE CALLED UPON FOR ASSISTANCE.

5. WE ARE FRANKLY AT A LOSS WHAT TO DO FOR MRS. RICE UNTIL SHE AND HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY FACE UP TO HER CONDITION AND HELP THEMSELVES. DUEMLING

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